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## Maryland Milk Cash Receipts Down 29 Percent in 2015

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2015 totaled \$173 million, 29 percent lower than 2014. Producer returns averaged \$17.70 per hundredweight, also 29 percent below 2014. Marketings totaled 976 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 7 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, either fed to calves or consumed in producer households.

Maryland 2015 milk production was at 983 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,061 pounds, was 321 pounds above 2014. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 49 thousand head, down 1,000 head from 2014.

The complete Milk Production PDI publication and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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